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Honorable William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Director Casey:

This is in response to your letter of June 2, 1982, requesting the Committee's support and concurrence for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to exceed its FY 1982 manpower ceiling by up to 250 positions.

The Committee understands that CIA reached its FY 1982 authorized year-end ceiling in early May 1982, and currently has in excess of 1,100 applicants who are at various stages in the pre-employment clearance process, including 196 who are fully cleared and ready to enter on duty. The Committee, which has been very supportive of efforts to increase CIA HUMINT staffing and has added personnel above the budget request for this purpose, is sensitive to the fact that it is difficult for CIA to effectively turn off and then quickly accelerate the recruitment process because of the required security clearance procedure.

The proposed FY 1983 CIA budget includes an increase of 786 positions over the FY 1982 ceiling, and your proposal essentially involves hiring against this increase for the remainder of FY 1982. The increased costs are to be accommodated within the CIA's FY 1982 budget.

Although your request is somewhat unusual, the Committee understands why you are making it and interposes no objections. However, the Committee understands that your proposal is an issue before the Intelligence Authorization conference, and therefore, the Committee's approval is contingent upon favorable resolution by the authorization conferees.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Joseph P. Addabbo  
Chairman  
Defense Subcommittee

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